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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Yasubumi FURUYA et al.**

Art Unit: **4162**

Application Number: **10/598,767**

Examiner: **Colin W. Slifka**

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For: **BULK SOLIDIFIED QUENCHED MATERIAL AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME**

Attorney Docket Number: **062888**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 3, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2008.

In the Office Action, restriction is required between Group I (claims 1-4), Group II (claims 5 and 6), Group III (claim 7) and Group IV (claims 8-12).

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I (claims 1-4) for prosecution in this application.

This election is made **with traverse** because this application is a US national stage of **PCT application**. Group I and Group III satisfy the combination of categories provided in under 37 CFR § 1.475(b)(1) and satisfy unity of invention under 37 CFR §1.475.

It is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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